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ATTN: NRC Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff

Re: NRC proposed rule for RADIOACTIVE "RELEASE" and  
"RECYCLING" into the marketplace, regular landfills, incinerators, etc.  
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PROPOSED RULE **PR 20**  
**(64FR35090)**

There is no "safe" level of exposure to ionizing radiation. It is well established that ionizing radiation can change living cells, and the damage it causes can lead to cancer and other diseases in humans as well as to genetic damage to future generations. The Health and Energy Institute has a whole library of books and scientific journal articles that support this alarming fact.

We demand PROHIBITION ON RADIOACTIVE RELEASES AT ANY LEVEL (other than naturally existing background). NRC SHOULD RECAPTURE ANY ALREADY-RELEASED RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS, AND NRC SHOULD PUT A HALT TO ONGOING RELEASES THAT ARE GETTING OUT NOW.

Allowing release of radiation contaminated materials will endanger American enterprises both at home and abroad. The NRC must resume its responsibility for protecting the public.

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